



New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association

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**Testimony of the New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association**

Connecticut General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue & Bonding

**RE: HB. 5094 -AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A RESIDENTIAL CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES.**

Co-Chair Scanlon, Co-Chair Fonfara, and Members of the Committee:

The New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association (NECSEMA) represents the interests of convenience retailers, transportation fuels distributors and the businesses which supply them in Connecticut and throughout New England. According to the National Association of Convenience Stores, Connecticut is home to almost 1,700 convenience stores employing over 25,000 people.

As proposed, HB 5094 provides up to a \$2,500 income tax deduction for the installation of a residential electric vehicle (EV) charging station. NECSEMA is neither for nor against the bill. Our members, whose businesses are located along the most heavily travelled roadways and highways in Connecticut, and throughout New England, seek to play a vital role in the transition toward electric mobility. Specifically, as host locations for publicly accessible Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs), alternative lower carbon fuels, and fuel cell filling stations.

We suggest that similar incentives in HB 5094 also be considered for the installation of publicly accessible DCFC's. Especially, in advance of Connecticut's efforts by this summer to establish a statewide EV charging network using funding under the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act. As the committee considers this and other legislation to incentivize battery and fuel cell powered vehicle adoption, it is important to understand that private investment to install, maintain, and sustainably operate publicly accessible chargers remains elusive, and any efforts to meaningfully address these impediments will be essential to transitioning toward alternative forms of transportation energy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian P. Moran".

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